



INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Community Outreach Efforts

July 18, 2006—Asante Children's Theatre and Prevent Child Abuse Indiana (SOBY)

ICJI initially brought on board Asante Children's Theatre (ACT) to complete a project for the State of Our Black Youth (SOBY) committee sponsored by Indiana Black Expo. As an attempt to ensure that alternate funding would be available an additional opportunity arose for collaboration between ACT and Prevent Child Abuse Indiana (PCAIN). Portions of the script used for PCAIN will be tailored to use for the skit for the SOBY project. ICJI will write a Letter of Support if needed to amend the original grant request on behalf of PCAIN. ACT background information will be passed along to PCAIN and ICJI as a source of reference.

July 19, 2006—Children's Bureau Inc, sponsored "Breakfast with the Legislators"

ICJI staff attended the CBI sponsored event which emphasizes youth advocacy while teaching youth to revitalize surrounding communities as well as the communities in which they reside. The program is supported by numerous legislators which come out once a year to meet with their young constituents. The breakfast was an opportunity for IDC members to become more familiarized with some of the legislators that heavily support IDC efforts.

July 21, 2006—Indiana DMC Webpage Meeting

Internal ICJI staff met to design and upload DMC website information that is required by OJJDP. The website will include all relevant working documents regarding Indiana efforts to address DMC in a schematic manner. The website is expected to be completed by the beginning of August 2006. The website will include IDC publications, monthly reviews highlighting community outreach efforts, contact information, and links to other resources and collaborators.

July 26, 2006—Juvenile Judges Symposium

The Villages and Kids Voice of Indiana hosted the annual Juvenile Judges Symposium at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. The Indiana Disproportionality Committee was requested to facilitate a focus group with various attendees of the conference. The focus group had approximately eleven participants from diverse backgrounds including DCS, probation, and case management to name a few. Some persons participating in the focus group were aware of disproportionality as well as the efforts IDC has made throughout the state which made it impact ful for the facilitators. Those that were not as familiar with the Committee requested to host a focus group at their place of work and approximately half of the group signed up to be on the disproportionality distribution list.

July 28, 2006—Gottlieb and Wertz and IU CEEP facilitated by Don Travis

The conference call was intended for IU CEEP and ICJI staff to become more familiarized with the reporting efforts of Howard County. The conference call provided an opportunity for IU CEEP researchers to ask standardized questions in regards to how they may be granted permission to obtain the necessary information to complete the statewide analysis. Howard County's Safe Policy has comprehensive essential data that may be included in the recommendations concluded by IU CEEP. Mr. Travis has agreed to be a resource if further assistance is needed.

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